

BAMBRIDGE

Bolton Enterprise May 5/33

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Did You Know Francis Bambridge?

Good News Awaits

His Next of Kin

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Fortune Awaits Family Of Peel Descendants

Telegraph 23 May 33
Another fortune to be divided amongst natives of Peel County has been discovered in a letter to Chief Andrew Herkes, from the Cromwell Corporation, of Boston, the same firm which recently instituted a search for descendants of Francis Bambridge. Information is sought as to the location of children or relatives of John Robertson, known to have resided in Peel County in 1853. Robertson's father's Christian name is unknown, but his mother is thought to have been a McDougall.

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WANTED : NEXT OF KIN OF FRANCIS BAMBRIDGE

So that he may become the recipient of a very substantial inheritance, a Boston corporation is endeavouring to find one, Francis Bambridge, who is thought to have resided in the Brampton district about sixty years ago. Failing in this, they are anxious to find his next of kin or any living heirs. In a communication received by A. Herkes, Chief of Police, this week, it is stated that it is of utmost importance that they be located within a very short time, as their rights to claim expire very shortly. Among our readers there may be some old-timers who will remember this man or his descendants and any information should be forwarded at once to Chief of Police A. Herkes.

19 May, 1933.

Dear Flo:

Find out from Mr. A. Herkes, the Chief of Police, the name of the firm in Boston that wrote him about Francis Bambridge.

Let me have this as early as you possibly can, please.

Your brother,

WPB:F

BAMBRIDGE—On Thursday, May 4th, 1933, after a lingering illness, Nellie May, beloved eldest daughter of Annie M. Bambridge.

Funeral service at her home, 83 Linsmore crescent, 3 p.m., Saturday, May 6th. Interment Mount Pleasant Cemetery.

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—From Telegram May 4/33

Peter
I wonder if you could get any information about the late Francis Bambridge, from the lady mentioned in the above death notice?

No connection of this family ever lived in Pull Co.,
M. Sear,

MEMO FOR MISS DAVIDSON

When Fred B. Rich was learning his trade of carpentry in Brampton, he boarded with the ~~Bambridges~~. We have not the birth date of Fred Rich, but he was a son of George Rich who was born in 1819; thus it would probably be about 1860 at earliest that he was in Brampton.

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—Another family of Bambridge has come to light in Chief Andrew Herkes' search for the missing heirs. James B. Warren, Point Mara, Brechin, Ont., writes the chief that he knew a man of that name in Oshawa, William Bambridge, a blacksmith and carriage repairman.

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